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Certain results of an investigation of the electrical conductivity of polycrystalline CdO samples using the nonelectrode method in the frequency range of $(7-8.9) \cdot 10^9$ Hz are introduced.

1. Introduction

During heat treatment of polycrystalline SdS and CdSe samples in an oxygen atmosphere their electrical conductivity and photosensitivity increase [1, 2, 3]. The increase in electrical conductivity can be caused by the cadmium oxide that forms in polycrystalline layers during their heat treatment [1]. It is assumed that the polycrystalline semiconductor sample consists of the large number of chaotically oriented crystallites of the semiconductor substance separated by interlayers.

In polycrystalline CdS and CdSe samples the interlayers form impurities (in particular, CdO [1]) that have comparatively low resistance. At high frequencies the total resistance of a sample is composed of the resistance of the interlayers, since the

crystallites are shunted by the surface capacitance.

In this work we investigated the electrical conductivity of CdO at superhigh frequencies and we compared the obtained results with the results of measurements conducted on dc.

2. Experimental Method

The coefficient of power absorption for a plane electromagnetic wave [4,5] in a medium with a refracted index n is

$$k = \sigma / n c \epsilon_0, \quad (1)$$

where σ is the electrical conductivity of the medium, ϵ_0 is the dielectric constant of a vacuum and c is the velocity of light. In works [6, 7, 8] the coefficient of absorption was determined from the ratio between the incident and the transmitted powers. If the sample thickness and the frequency of the electromagnetic field remain constant, we can also determine the electrical conductivity of samples from this power ratio.

As is known, the electrical conductivity σ at high frequencies is connected with the dc electrical conductivity σ_0 by the following relationship:

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 \left\langle \frac{\tau}{1 + \omega^2 \tau^2} \right\rangle / \langle \tau \rangle, \quad (2)$$

where τ is the time of the mean free path, ω is the angular frequency of excitation. The dc electrical conductivity is

$$\sigma_0 = e(u_n N_n + u_p N_p), \quad (3)$$

where e is the charge on the electrode, u is the mobility and N is the concentration of current carriers. If $\omega^2 \tau^2 \ll 1$, then $\sigma \approx \sigma_0$. Then, σ can replace σ_0 in relationship (1).

Assuming that n does not depend upon frequency, i.e., that the free current carriers do not give a significant contribution

to the dielectric constant of the sample, and that the magnetic permeability $\mu = 1$, the absorption coefficient k can be expressed in the following manner [6]:

$$k = 1635 \sigma / \pi. \quad (4)$$

In this case k will be measured in dV/m. Knowing the absorption coefficient and the refracted index, we can compare a sample's electrical conductivity measured at high frequencies with its dc electrical conductivity.

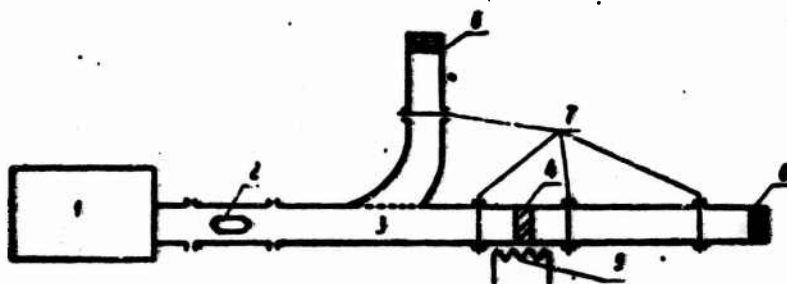


Fig. 1. Block diagram of the set-up; 1) SHF generator; 2) attenuator; 3) directional coupler; 4) sample; 5) heating element; 6) bolometric heads; 7) mica inserts.

The incident and transmitted powers were measured with the device shown on Fig. 1. SHF powers $((7-8.9) \cdot 10^9 \text{ Hz})$ from generator (1) were fed into a waveguide made completely of semiconductor substance (4). The waveguide track was decoupled by an attenuator placed directly in the instrument, and the signal level was regulated by an additional attenuator (2). In determining the incident power we calculated the reflected power, since

$$P_i = P_0 - P_r,$$

where P_0 is the power coming from the generator, and P_r is a power reflected from the sample. For this purpose we used a directional coupler (3) that was graduated in frequencies. The SHF power in the waveguide track was measured by bolometric heads (6).

We established that the power ratio of the transmitted to incident power P_{tr}/P_i does not depend upon the location of the sample in the waveguide. To measure the dependence of the P_{tr}/P_i ratio upon temperature, heating elements (5) allowing us to heat the sample up to 100°C were placed on the waveguide. To eliminate the effect of the heaters on the indicators, water coolers were placed before the bolometric heads and the waveguide sections were separated by mica plates (7). But at a temperature of $80-90^{\circ}\text{C}$ the operating conditions of the bolometric heads were disturbed, which hampered measurements at higher temperatures. The dc electrical conductivity was measured by the usual method with a M-21/1 galvanometer.

CdO samples were prepared in special press-forms under a pressure of $0.9-3.6 \text{ kg/m}^2$ and were later subjected to four hours of heat treatment at $100-550^{\circ}\text{C}$. The samples were then carefully ground down to dimensions equal to the transverse cross section of the waveguide. The prepared samples had a thickness from 0.001 to 0.003 m . Thinner samples were pressed and hardened for four hours at 100°C directly in the waveguide. Some samples were not subjected to heat treatment.

To measure the temperature dependence of the dc electrical conductivity, silver or aquadag [a graphite lubricant] contacts were placed on the samples.

3. Discussion of the Results

From the measured ratio of the transmitted and incident powers we calculated the coefficient of absorption and the electrical conductivity of a sample. The values of the electrical conductivity

measured at high frequencies (Fig. 2) are in good agreement with the results of the dc measurements. We noted that the samples hardened at higher temperatures had increased conductivity. The pressure used to press the samples did not have a significant effect.

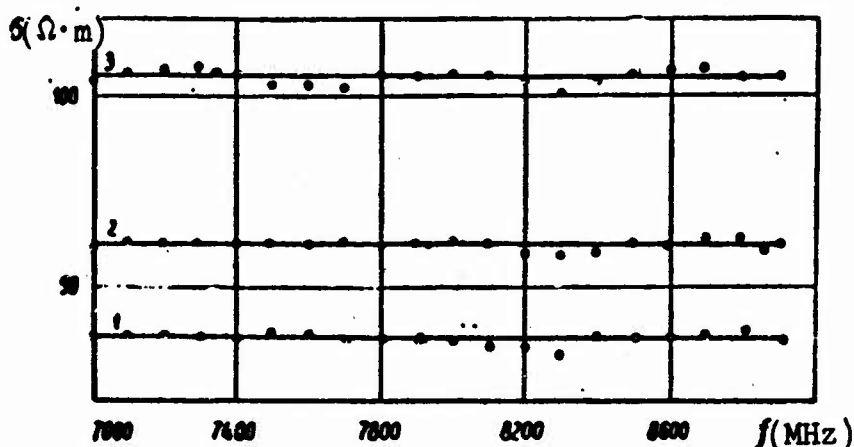


Fig. 2. Dependence of the reduced electrical conductivity upon the frequency of samples heated at 100°C (1), 250°C (2), 450°C (3).

To reveal the temperature dependence of the electrical conductivity of CdO samples, we measured it on dc in the temperature interval of 200-400°C. The results of this measurement are given on Fig. 3. From this dependence we calculated the energy of thermal activation ΔE for both dc and SHF. At 20-80°C, ΔE was 0.032 and 0.027-0.029 eV respectively.

The values of the dependence of the absorption coefficient upon the conductivity determined by the test agree very well with theoretical calculations according to relationship (1) (Fig. 4).

From the above we can assume that in the given frequency range the refractive index n does not depend upon frequency, and the electrical conductivity did not change for dc or ac, i.e., $\sigma \approx \sigma_0$.

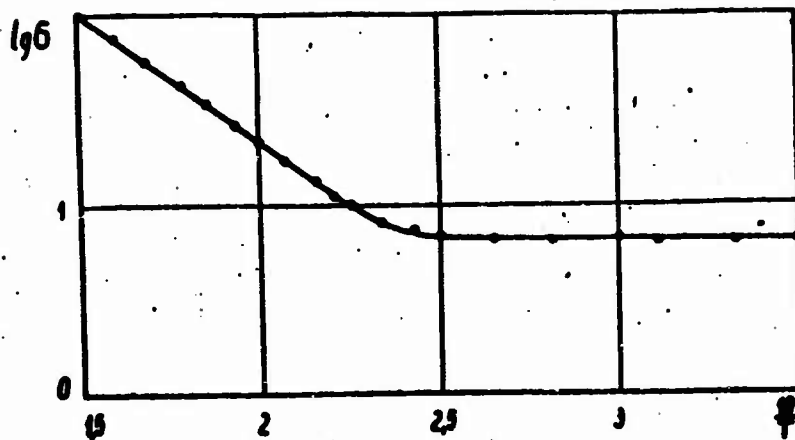


Fig. 3. Dependence of the dc electrical conductivity upon temperature in the interval of 20-400C.

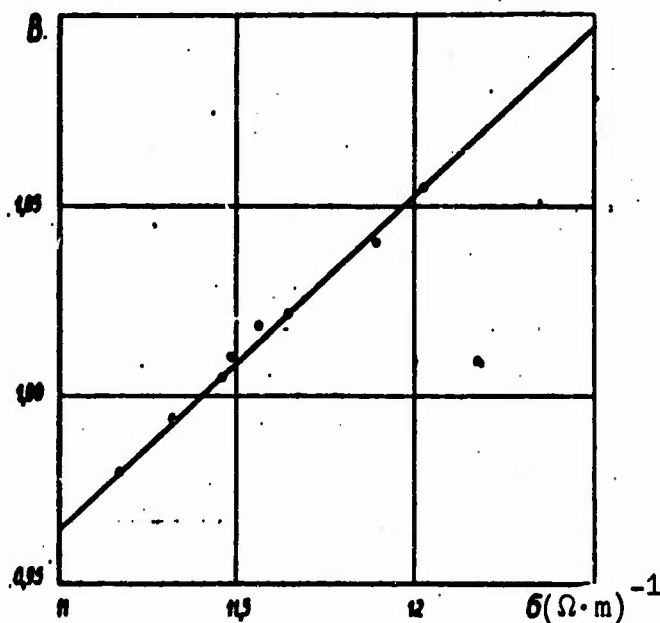


Fig. 4. Dependence of the absorption coefficient (in arbitrary units) upon the electrical conductivity of the samples: the solid line, theoretical; the points, experimental results.

Therefore, we can consider that $\omega^2 \tau^2 \ll 1$. The values of the thermal activation energy measured by the SHF method in the temperature interval of 20-80C are in good agreement with the values of the thermal activation energy for the impurity levels measured on dc.

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Summary

Some results obtained from the without electrodes measurements of conductivity of polycrystal specimens from CdO are given. The measurements have been made over the frequency range $(7-8.9) \cdot 10^9$ cycles.

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